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## CABLE FOR THE OIL WELL RIG IS NOW ON WAY

After a delay of several months E. C. Kniffin, manager of the Valley Oil Company, succeeded in getting delivery on a drilling cable to replace the one worn out. It is now believed that drilling will be resumed in the near future and we will shortly know whether or not this is to be a producing field.

Mr. Kniffin has been in Los Angeles for the past two months using every possible means to secure the needed cable that the drilling on this well could be started again and only succeeded last week. He immediately left for this point, arriving last Friday evening.

Now that the big war is ended the company will be able to buy the supplies needed from time to time and once the work is under way again there does not seem to be a possibility of any long delays.

No doubt many of the investors have become discouraged at this long delay, but it was absolutely unavoidable, due to the market conditions and war-time restrictions and the officers of the company were at one time much more discouraged than the average stock holder.

The geologists have informed us that if there is not oil to be found here the formation is certainly a freak of nature, and no doubt shortly this proposition will again have the utmost attention of the big oil investors of the country.

## THIRTY-NINE OFFICERS OF 24TH BEING DISCHARGED

Orders were received here a few days ago for the discharge of thirty-nine officers of the 24th Infantry and to date twenty-eight have been allowed to return to civil life. The remaining eleven will shortly be given the same opportunity. They were all lieutenants, now orders having been received for the discharge of officers of a higher grade. To date no enlisted men from either the 12th Cavalry or the 24th Infantry have been let out.

City Marshal Jack Green and Constable Jess Fuller are attending the session of federal court now being held in Albuquerque.

G. W. Farrar offered final proof on his homestead before U. S. Commissioner R. M. Reed Wednesday.

## ELLIOTT SHIPS CAR OF FAT HOGS AND BUYS CAR OF LEAN

R. W. Elliott shipped to the El Paso markets first of the week a car load of fat hogs from his ranch a short distance southwest of town. J. H. Kane accompanied the shipment to El Paso returning Tuesday evening.

Mr. Elliott went to Las Cruces last Saturday where he bought a car of hogs which he will fatten for the market. He has been buying hogs and fattening them for the market for the past year and as a general rule he puts a lean hog in marketable condition from sixty to ninety days.

J. J. Clark, proprietor of the Commercial hotel, has been quite sick with influenza for several days. He might have been sicker had it not been that Mrs. Clark came up from Columbus and found her husband walking around with a high temperature and heavy cold. Thanks to prompt measures and medical attention, Mr. Clark is now improving.—Graphic.

Arthur J. Evans, of the Evans Garage, is recovering from an attack of the flu.

## AEROPLANE SPENDS THE NIGHT IN COLUMBUS

Major T. C. McCauley, who was making a test flight from Ft. Worth to San Diego, California and return spent Monday night in Columbus. He left here Tuesday morning with the intention of arriving in Fort Worth in the evening.

He arrived here from Lordsburg, N. M., at 6:30, having left Lordsburg at 4:45.

## CODY SOLDIERS LEAVING AT RATE OF 200 PER DAY

Since the order published below was received in Deming the troops stationed there have been discharged at the rate of 200 per day and this will continue until the camp is cleaned out. The order for the demobilization was received about two weeks ago, as follows:

"Demobilize all units of your camp including the 95th division and permanent camp organizations, with the exception of the base hospital, and discharge immediately such of the enlisted personnel as is eligible for discharge under general instructions already issued from this office.

"Attention is invited to such of the circulars as are applicable.

"Enlisted men who entered the military service prior to April 1, 1917 and who desire to remain permanently in the military service, will not be discharged, but will report to the commanding general of southern department for assignment, and will be transferred by you in accordance with his instructions.

"Enlisted men not eligible for discharge by reason of physical disability, will be segregated into groups according to state from which they came and will be transferred to a development battalion in camp in or near their respective states after arrangements have been made by you with the commanding officer of the proper camp to receive them.

"The chief of staff corps have been directed to advise you as to the disposition of specially qualified officers and enlisted men of their corps, required at other camps, and you will transfer such officers and men in accordance with instructions.

"All other enlisted men of staff corps organizations at your camp will be discharged as provided herein.

"All enlisted men at your camp eligible for discharge, who entered the military service east of a line running through camp Funston, Kansas and camp Travis, Texas, will be organized into detachments according to states and will be sent for discharge to the camp in or near their respective states.

"A copy of the instructions will be sent with each detachment and will constitute the authority for their discharge from military service.

"Officers will be disposed of as provided for in general instructions from this office.

"You will proceed at the same time to salvage and abandon Camp Cody and will dispose of all supplies and transportation except those pertaining to the base hospital, in accordance with instructions received from the chief of supply departments concerned.

(Signed) "Harris,"  
Adj. General.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our many friends for their kindness shown us during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Jack London and Sister

## COLONEL STOCKLE IS PLACED ON RETIRED LIST

Colonel G. E. Stockle, who has been stationed here since the return of the troops from Mexico, and who has been in command of the 12th Cavalry for the past eighteen months, retired from active duty the first of this week, having reached the age limit of 64 years. He was well known by the people of Columbus who regret very much to lose him and Mrs. Stockle. They left Wednesday for their home in California.

## SON OF MR. BRADLEY— CONSUMPTION VICTIM

Mr. J. J. Bradley, of the Columbus Drug Store, received a telegram last Sunday announcing that his son, J. O. Bradley, had died that morning in Albuquerque. He had been in a sanitarium at that place for several months and had been suffering with consumption for a long time.

Mr. Bradley left immediately for Albuquerque to take charge of the remains, which he shipped to Monterey, Mo. for interment. Dr. Bradley will return to Columbus in about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Riggs and their two children left Wednesday for El Paso where they will spend the holidays. Mr. Riggs will be on duty at the customs office during this time at El Paso while the family will visit with relatives. Jolly Garner takes charge of the customs office here during the absence of Mr. Riggs.

## SMALL FIRE THURSDAY NIGHT ENDANGERS GARAGE

A small dwelling in rear of the Evans Garage was completely destroyed by fire Thursday night about nine o'clock. Quick work saved the garage and adjacent buildings. The chemical engines belonging to the city kept the blaze under control until the fire department from camp arrived. When the 24th Infantry got on the job the flames were very quickly extinguished. The damage to the garage was a few broken panes. The house was possibly not worth more than \$50 or \$100. The contents were lost and no estimate was given as to the value.

## REV. J. A. LAND TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. J. A. Land, who was the pastor of the Baptist church here for two years and has been away for more than two years, will be back Sunday and will preach at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist church where the Baptist church is now being used by the Red Cross.

Rev. Land made many friends here who will be glad to welcome him back to the town. He has the distinction of being the only minister that ever held a funeral service in Columbus with his bible in one hand and a rifle in the other.

Mr. Land is now in Deming and is en route to W. R. Page Friday morning that he would be here on Sunday.

## BOYS WOULD NO DOUBT ENJOY ANOTHER VISIT

There are strong indications that Villa has assembled a large force just south of Columbus. It is not known what his object might be this assembling a large army so near the border. However, we know that it is not a friendly set and consequently we are on vigilant watch.

We are reminded of the fact that he has made former calls at Columbus, and know something of his plan of operation. It now seems if he comes he will remember this visit for a long time. The "Twelfth" and "Twenty-Fourth" are highly trained, well equipped and ready for any emergency that may arise. However, we judge that this concentration of men is for some other motive and that they will be dispelled in a few days.—12th Cavalry Standard.

## COLONEL CHASE IS SOON TO RETIRE FROM ARMY

Orders have been received for the retirement from the army of Colonel Wilson Chase, of the 24th Infantry. He was retired upon his own request. Colonel Chase has been the commanding officer of this camp for the past eighteen months and during this time the people of town have learned to know Colonel Chase and respect him very highly. It seems to be the case always that when we have the C. O. that we would desire to have remain he is taken away. The many friends of the Colonel wish him happiness and success wherever he may go.

## GIRSTMAN ENGAGES A LOBO WOLF IN BATTLE

Talk about strutting, Godfrey H. Girstman had much more at home than many of the fellows who had a chance to fight in France, though the battle he was in did not last as long as some of the battles in France did.

Mr. Girstman is doing some trapping around his home near Miners station. A few mornings ago he discovered that something had dragged away one of his traps. He was very much surprised, for he was not expecting to catch anything larger than a coyote, and had prepared his trap accordingly. There was an anchor bar chained to the trap which weighed about thirty or forty pounds, and he could plainly see where the bar and trap had been dragged away.

He followed the trail for a short distance and discovered that the animal he had trapped was a large wolf. He was armed with a pick handle and when he came upon the wolf he thought he would make a quick end of him by knocking him in the head with his pick handle. He had another thing coming. When he was in about ten or twelve feet of the varmint Mr. Wolf made a lunge for his enemy and did not fall far short of his mark, either. Girstman managed to sidestep the lunge, but he had not figured on the bar that was tied to the trap that was securely holding the brute by the toes. The bar came along after the vicious lunge at a surprising rate of speed and Girstman's body happened to be exactly in line. He was struck in the side and knocked down. He immediately gained his footing, and just in time, too, for the lobo was making a second attack.

It did not take Girstman long to decide that a pick handle was not the proper weapon to fight a lobo with, and he also made another decision simultaneously, and that was to run, which he did. He managed to reach a post and get on top of it just in time to save himself, and still he was not entirely out of the reach of the big wolf. He had kept his presence of mind and had held on to the pick handle. The wolf made several springs for him but he kept him beat off and finally discouraged him.

When the wolf left Girstman got down and went home after his gun and soon ended the career of the lobo.

Mr. Girstman has some good advice to offer hunters; don't hunt lobos with pick handles.

## BLANCHARD TAKES OVER THE COLUMBUS BAKERY

H. Blanchard, who has been connected with the Columbus Bakery for the past year, has purchased the same and will continue the business. The place has been closed since the death of Mr. London, but was opened Thursday for business, and is now ready to supply anything in their line any one could desire.

## BOX OF FREIGHT STOLEN FROM J. F. WHITE

A few days ago J. F. White paid the freight charges on a box of goods for the Powers Drug Store just as the depot was being closed for the day. He left the box on the platform to deliver a load of stuff he already had on the truck. A few minutes later he returned to find that someone else also desired the box and he was unable to locate it and to this date he has found no trace of it. The contents were valued at about \$100.



Answer the

# Red Cross

Christmas Roll Call

All you need is a heart  
and a dollar

Ray Greenleaf